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Amendment and/or Response
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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Claim 5 is newly added.

The Office action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) over Okumara et al. (USP 6,100,633, hereinafter Okumara). The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1, upon which claims 2-5 depend, claims a plasma display screen with a reflective layer that reflects both visible light and *UV radiation*, and comprises a non-metallic powder having an average grain diameter between 200 and 1000 nm.

Okumara specifically teaches "*a reflective layer of a visible light*" (Okumara, column 5, line 29). Okumara repeatedly refers to the reflective layer as a reflector of visible light (Okumara, column 5, lines 29-54), and the Office action specifically cites Okumara for teaching that: "For increasing the reflection of the *emitted light*, it is desirable to form *a visible light reflective layer*" (Office action, page 3, last paragraph). Okumara specifically teaches particle sizes (10 to 200 nm) that are particularly well suited for the reflection of visible light (Okumara, column 5, lines 41-42).

Because Okumara does not teach a reflective layer for reflecting UV radiation, and specifically teaches a reflective layer having particle sizes outside the range of the applicants' claimed invention, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) over Okumara.

The Office action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Okumara. The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the remarks above regarding Okumara and claim 1, upon which claim 4 depends.

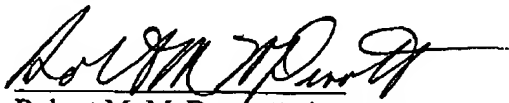
Okumara neither teaches nor suggests a reflective layer for reflecting UV radiation, and specifically teaches a reflective layer having particle sizes outside the range of the applicants' claimed invention. As such, the applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) over Okumara.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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